

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in reply to the response filed on March 30, 2010

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in the response filed on March 30, 2010 by Attorney Gayoso.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 1, after the final word "adhesive" and before the "." please insert --, and wherein at least the base film is provided with a perforation for cutting out the base film or the base film with the carrier film permanently connected thereto--.

Please cancel Claim 10.

In Claim 11, please delete "10" and insert --1--.

In Claim 12, please delete "10" and insert --1--.

In Claim 13, please delete "10" and insert --1--.

In Claim 14, please delete "10" and insert --1--.

In Claim 21, after the final word "layer" and before the "." please insert --, and wherein at least the base film is provided with a perforation for cutting out the base film or the base film with the carrier film permanently connected thereto--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1—3, 5—9, 11 – 24 are allowed. Claim 1 is independent with Claims 2, 3, 5 - 9, and 11- 20 being dependent. Claim 21 is independent with Claims 22 - 24 being dependent.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In regards to Claims 1 and 21, the prior art alone and in combination do not disclose of a security document with multiple pages wherein a decorative layer having an adhesive remote from a base film is provided with security elements and temporarily attached to a carrier film with the base film having a perforation separating the base film or base film with the carrier permanently secured.

Weber discloses an individualized security document (passport, substrate 8 and column 1 lines 31-33 and column 2 lines 20-21 discloses the substrate being a passport) having a transfer film (figure 2) which is provided with security elements and which has a base film (3) and a decorative layer arrangement (7) having the security elements (12), the decorative layer arrangement having an adhesive 15 on the side remote from the base film. Weber also discloses in column 7 lines 39-44 that the transfer film element (17) be of a size that is the same as the size of the substrate (page of the passport) and the base film being releasably secured to the decorative layer arrangement (figure 2-3 of Weber). Weber further discloses the decorative layer (7 of Weber) having security elements is temporarily connected by means of a release layer (9) to a carrier film (5) which is permanently connected to the base film (3) by means of permanent adhesive (4).

Weber does not however disclose the security document (passport) having a number of pages and a transfer film joined together by means of a fixing or adhesive.

Garrard teaches having a security document (passport) having a number of pages (6) and including transfer film 10 joined by a common fixing (stitches 8).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the pages and binding or fixing of Garrard with the passport of Weber for the purpose of securing various amounts of information together in the passport.

As discussed in the interview on March 16, 2010 the films made by Weber are expensive and wasted material would not be in the intent of the invention. This is also why Weber provides perforations throughout the film in order to create several security elements without waste. One having ordinary skill in the art would not provide perforations in such a combination since multiple security elements, as taught by Weber would not be necessary in the same document/passport of Garrard. If the security elements are used in a passport the element is the size of the passport page and therefore the perforations would not exist (Column 7, Lines 36 – 43 of Weber) and therefore a plurality of elements would not be present in an invention as taught by the combination of Weber and Garrard.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PRADEEP C. BATTULA whose telephone number is (571)272-2142. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. & alternating Fri. 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dana Ross can be reached on 571-272-4480. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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